PROJECT TITLE : SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCESS ASSURANCE

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0. Specifications - General

- Approximately 1'000 active manufacturing specifications are presently available for all PME production centers and licensees.
  Over one year, 1'000 specification sheets are modified, half of them following important modifications in the product.

- The PME Specification Guidelines, approved by Mr Gibson in May 1978, have been rediscussed during the QC PME meeting mid April. They will be updated and re-distributed.

1. Specifications Fabriques de Tabac Réunies SA

- The filter making specs for the combined, porous filter MPI-100 34.7030, for PM Germany's Multi 100 cigarette, have been re-issued.

- Cigarette making and packing specs have been prepared for contract manufacture of MPH Multifilter 100s for PMH, for sale in Italy (cigarette MPH 08, packing MPH 215).

3. Specifications PM Holland

- Spec have been established for special sale of NLF 005 North Pole in Columbia.

4. Specifications PM Germany

- The nicotine numbers printed on MER 026 Merit packs, sale Germany, have been increased from 0,4 to 0,5 mg.

2. Specifications Intertaba S.p.A. Zola Predosa
5. " Weltab SA Bruxelles
6. " Ph. Morris London

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7. Specifications Licensees

- Final specs for the processing of Marlboro tobacco in Eger, Hungary, have been issued. Cut rag ex PM Richmond was used in Eger previously.

- Complete specs have been finalized with Mr. Broquard, Ed. Laurens SA Geneva, for their L & M brands
  LAK Lark Filter King
  LMK L & M Filter King (soft)
  CEG Chesterfield KS Filter (box)
  LMG L & M Filter King (box)
  JOB Job Bleu Filtre
  JON Job Nacré
  CER Chesterfield Regular
  All products are for sale in Switzerland.

8. Material Specifications

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9. PME Standard Recipes

- The after-cutting solution MEN-AC has been cancelled for blend 40 NPF North Pole, Switzerland. Part of the ingredients used for this AC have been incorporated in the pre-cutting solution CNPF-PC.

10. Specifications on EDP

11.1 Process Assurance

- The reason for creating this new PME service, which is a part of the former PME Specification office, as well as its objectives, have been discussed during the QC PME meeting of mid-April.

11.2 AccuRay

- The two documents "Explanation of the AccuRay limits in the specifications" and "Routine checks of the AccuRay system" have been discussed during the QC PME meeting. They will be re-issued when the remaining limit (reject point) will be approved by PMH and FTR.

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11.3 Moistures of Cigarettes (Maker, Packed)

The comparative tables have been discussed and a standardization agreed. A concrete proposal will be elaborated and submitted to all concerned, before the establishment of a PME product modification request.

11.4 Non-Tobacco Material Weights in Filter and Cigarette Making Specifications

- During the QC PME meeting, it has been decided to
  a) calculate the weight of filter paper, cigarette paper, and tipping paper on the basis of the substance according to the material specification;
  b) to prepare methods for the intention of all production centers and to carry out a European study to determine the weight of glues in the filter (inner and seam), on the cigarette seam, and on the filter tip.

11.5 Filter and Cigarette Diameter

- An industrial test, carried out in FTR, has been concluded end March. This modification will be treated on PME level.

11.6 RTDs and Dilution

- Comparative tables will be prepared.

11.7 Foil Mentholating

- The general prescriptions regarding the process and the use of mentholated foil have been discussed during the QC PME meeting. A final document will be prepared.

11.8 Burley Treatment Systems

- A comparison of the Burley treatment processes will be made (Proctor & Schwartz and cylinder dryers).

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